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Mr. K. Koti Reddi :—" May I know, Sir, when the Government are likely to come to a conclusion on this matter which has been long pending ?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" The matter may be long pending; it has not been pending long with the Government. The Government will do so as soon as possible. I cannot say more than that."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi :—" May I ask if it is not advisable to come to a conclusion at an early date so that the Bill may be introduced in March and the Select Committee that is likely to be appointed may have a long time in summer to consider the Bill ?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" That consideration will be borne in mind, Sir."

Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed :—" May I ask whether the Bill is still under the consideration of the Government or has received the sanction of the Government of India ?"

The hon. the President :—" That question has already been answered; it is under the consideration of the Local Government."

Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo :—" With reference to a question on 28th November 1928, the hon. the Revenue Member answered and promised that he would finish the consideration of the Bill by the next month, i.e., by the end of December. May I know what considerations prevented him from finishing the consideration as he promised ?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—"If the hon. Member wil quote, Sir, exactly what I said, I may be in a position to answer him.'

Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo :—" On 28th November 1928, in reply to question No. 755, the hon. Member was pleased to reply 'we hope to come to a conclusion by the end of next month; we will then have the Bill sent to the Government of India and if it comes in time, we will be ready'."

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" Yes, Sir. I am sorry it was impossible to realize the hope."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" May I ask whether the proposals under the consideration of the Government are favourable more to the ryots or landlords ?"

The hon. the President :—" The question need not be answered. It is not admissible."

Introduction of the Estates Land Act Amendment Bill.

* 1247-B Q.—Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether there is any likelihood of the Bill to amend the Estates Land Act being introduced in the Council in March or April this year?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clause (a) of question No. 1247-A.

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—" May I know whether the consideration of the Bill is being postponed from time to time on account of the landlords helping the Simon Commission ?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" No, Sir."